

House at 936 Dayton Street
Cincinnati
Hamilton County
Ohio

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 936 Dayton Street, Cincinnati,
Hamilton County, Ohio

Within the Dayton Street Historic District, USGS
Covington Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator
Coordinates: 16.713800.4332700, 16.713780.4332230,
16.713250.4332410 and 16.713110.4332750

Present Owner: Henrietta Matthews

Present Occupant: Henrietta Matthews and rental tenants.

Present Use: Dwelling

Significance: This is a rather large, elegant house typical of more costly later nineteenth century houses built in Cincinnati. It is one of several such houses built at about the same time in what is now designated the Dayton Street Historic Interest Area, and is important as part of the architectural context of its time and place.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: The house stands on a parcel of land originally sold on October 13, 1794 to Jonathan Dayton of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, for \$42,897.00 by John Cleves Symmes, who obtained the original patent for the Miami Purchase from the United States Congress.

William Henry Harrison, ninth President of the United States, on October 1, 1818, as an executor of the estate of Symmes, and as then Governor of the Indiana Territory, re-negotiated the sale, inasmuch as the original deed was said to have been lost. Because of the riots and fire of 1884, the records contained in the Hamilton County Court House were either partially to totally destroyed, thus making the present records an incomplete source of information. It is known from the remaining records that George Hatch, who owned other property in the area, sold the parcel of land in question on October 31, 1856. Its easternmost portion, because of a later subdivision, is the portion upon which the present house stands. The date of sale of this portion was September 20, 1859. Between 1859 and the present there have been numerous owners, none of whom has any claim to local or national prominence.

2. Date of erection: Based on known information, it is deduced that the house was built sometime after September 20, 1859.

3. Architect: Unknown

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the House:

None known

C. Sources of Information:

1. Old views: None known.

2. Bibliography:

Sale by George Hatch: Deed Book 232, P.135

Prepared by: Carl A. Saladino
Project Historian
National Park Service
August, 1974

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This house is the only example with both a projecting front bay and mansard roof in the Dayton Street Historic Interest Area.
2. Condition of fabric: Good

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: This side-hall plan house with projecting front bay is two-and-one-half stories high and measures approximately 22'-0" by 85'-0".
2. Foundations: Brick and stone.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Gray painted common brick with gray painted stone corner moldings.
4. Structural system, framing: Masonry bearing walls.
5. Porches, stoops: Limestone entrance steps and stoop with low limestone parapets.
6. Chimneys: There are two brick chimneys in the east wall of the front block and one brick chimney in the west wall of the rear wing.

7. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: Recessed front entrance with limestone pediment and surround. Two-panel wooden door with glass upper panel.
- b. Windows: Double-hung throughout with three six-over-six-light sash on the east side and the remaining sash one-over-one-light.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Mansard with slate and tarred, roll roofing on the front block. Shed with tarred roll roofing on the rear wing.

C. Description of Interior: The interior was inaccessible. However, the general room arrangement appears to be similar to the numerous side-hall plan houses in the Area.

C. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: Facing south, this house is one of three very fine extant examples between Baymiller Street and Freeman Avenue in the Dayton Street Historic Interest Area.
2. Outbuildings: There is a carriage house at the rear of the lot.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

These data are part of the documentation made during the 1974 Cincinnati Project undertaken by HABS in cooperation with the Miami Purchase Association and City of Cincinnati. Records were made of a part of the Dayton Street Historic interest Area of the City of Cincinnati.

The project was under the general supervision of John Poppeliers, Chief of the Historic American Buildings Survey. The project supervisor was J. William Rudd of the University of Cincinnati. The project historian was Carl A. Saladino of the Ohio State University. The measured drawings for the project were prepared by architects Steven B. Kells (University of Cincinnati) and Richard Wyatt (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo), and student assistant architects William Maxwell Miller (University of Pennsylvania) and Osbourne K. Simms III (University of Illinois, Chicago Circle). The photographs were taken by HABS photographer Jack E. Boucher in July 1982.